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Elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, including article 1, which states that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, and that they are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood,

Recalling also relevant Human Rights Council resolutions 8/13 of 18 June 2008,[1] 12/7 of 1 October 2009[2] and 15/10 of 30 September 2010,[3]

Reaffirming that persons affected by leprosy and their family members should be treated as individuals with dignity and are entitled to all basic human rights and fundamental freedoms under customary international law, relevant conventions and national constitutions and laws,

1. *Welcomes* the work of the Human Rights Council and takes note with appreciation of the work of Human Rights Council Advisory Committee on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members;

[1] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 53* (A/63/53), chap. III, sect. A.
[2] Ibid., *Sixty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 53* (A/65/53), chap. I, sect. A.
[3] Ibid., *Sixty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 53A* (A/65/53/Add.1), chap. II.

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2. *Takes note with appreciation of* the Principles and Guidelines for the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members;[4]

3. *Encourages* Governments, relevant United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, funds and programmes, other intergovernmental organizations and national human rights institutions to give due consideration to the Principles and Guidelines in the formulation and implementation of their policies and measures concerning persons affected by leprosy and their family members;

4. *Encourages* all relevant actors in society, including hospitals, schools, universities, religious groups and organizations, business enterprises, newspapers, broadcasting networks and other non-governmental organizations, to give due consideration, as appropriate, to the Principles and Guidelines, in the course of their activities.

[4] A/HRC/15/30, annex.